OUR FATHERLESS ONES.

"Thou Art the Helper of the Fatherless."—Psalm 10:14.

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GLEANINGS FROM Orphanage Papers.

Fortieth Anniversary of The Thornwell Orphanage.

The Thornwell Orpnanage at Clinton. S. C., will celebrate its fortieth Anniversary on next Thursday, May 28th, with befitting ceremonies. The first stone of the Home of Peace, the first building erected at this noble institution was laid on May 28th. 1874. One of the leading features of the anniversary will be a collection of contributions for the orphans to display the loyalty of the friends to the orphanage. This grand old institution under the direction of that "prince of good fellows," Dr. W. P. Jacobs, has been taking crude, undesirable material and literally manufacturing polished, finished, godly young men and women for the past forty years, men and women who are always found to be, "Diligent in business, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord." Surely this institution is in the zenith of its glory already and it is now up to the friends of this institution to rally to its support and maintain the high standard of excellency to which they have attained.

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Same Here

So far as we know, there isn't a suffragette among the 28 women employed at the Orphanage, and this is a record of which we are rather proud.---Charity and Children.

And yet one can readily see why the suffragettes are not to be found in the orphanage. The woman who "hikes" over the country howling for her rights is not going to be attracted by an orphanage, and the orphanage is not going out and run her down and persuade her to engage in orphanage work. She just simply hasn't a place in an institution of this kind. She has missed her calling in life, and is engaged in relentless war for something she knows not what. She has the wrong conception of a woman's sphere in life. Charity and Children, in pledging its support to those of our women who are organizing to oppose woman suffrage, and have selected the red rose—that queen of the flowers to denote their place as queen of the home, as their badge or colors, had the following to say in conclusion of an editorial:

"The militant suffragettes will win, we have no doubt of that. Whether the change will be for good or evil, it is coming. But when it does come those who expect the millennium to dawn and strife and turmoil to cease, will be painfully disappointed. We will have to face the same old problems of government and we will deal with them in the same old way. There are bad women as well as good ones, and the bad will offset the good precisely as at present. Even the liquor question will not be settled any sooner with woman suffrage than without it. The side of the red roses is not the popular side but we are glad to take it and thus range ourselves in the finest company in the world.

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Will Soon Reinforce the World of Workers.

Twenty-two of the children have completed the course in the Orphanage school, and will receive their certificates on the 1st of July. They are a fine lot of boys and girls, and we hope every one of them will bring honor to the Orphanage.—Charity and Children.

A Golden Harvest is the Reward.

The women who work at the Orphanage make up their minds to sacrifice much of the social side of their lives. They are so busy moulding plastic minds of the boys and girls of the Orphanage that they have little time or opportunity for any thing else. Their field is a narrow one, but it is rich and fallow soil, and the seed they are sowing will bring a golden harvest.—Charity and Children.

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Six Graduates at Thornwell, One to be Musician

—Miss Adele Martin, one of our this year's graduates, is going to be with us next year as musician. She will go to the Summer School and take further lessons in voice. The invitation to the Orphanage Commencement are printed and will soon be distributed. The Senior Class this year numbers six young ladies.

Mr. Watts and His Hospital

Mr. George W. Watts, founder of the hospital in Durham which bears his name, has extended the usefulness of that institution by providing for the publication of a paper which will tell the results of Scientific research as developed through the surgical cases at the hospital. This paper will be a valuable contribution to the facilities of the medical profession in North Carolina, as well as to the country at large, as we understand its circulation is not to be limited to the State, but that in fact is to be a gift to the world. The hospital built and equipped by Mr. Watts at Durham is said by physicians competent to judge to be as perfect as medical science of the present time can make it. and through this hospital, Mr. Watts has established his reputation as one of the foremost philanthropists of the country.—Charlotte Observer.

Yes. Mr. Watts and his philanthropic methods need no introduction to the readers of this paper. He has long been one of the leading spirits in our orphanage work, and it is to him that credit is due for much of the progress that has been made in our orphanage work here at Barium. Several of our buildings stand as worthy memorials to Mr. Watts. who is one of the most liberal and stead-fast friends we have.

The Search for Contentment.

Long ago someone said that if we cannot find contentment in ourselves, it is useless to seek it anywhere. Almost a universal mistake is the idea that by going far enough, we can get the things we need and desire, while the truth of the matter is that most of our needs and desires can be met from the mind within. Self-inspection, self-development, and self-culture yield far more satisfactory results than the circumnavigation of the globe in the search for contentment.—Sel.

God is At Work On Us

In one of George MacDonald's books occurs this fragment of conversation: "I wonder why God made me," said Mrs. Fader, bitterly. "I'm sure I don't know what was the use of making me."

"Perhaps not much yet," replied Dorothy; "but then He hasn't done with you yet," He is making you now, and you don't like it."

It would give us more patience with ourselves if we always remembered this. We would not get so discouraged with our infirmities, imperfections and failures if we always kept in mind the fact that we are not yet made, that we are only in process of being made, that God is not yet through making us. It would often help us to understand better the reason for the hard or painful experiences that come to us. If we yield ourselves to his hand in quietness and confidence letting Him do what He will with us, all will be well.—Rev. J. R. Miller, D. D.

HOME HAPPENINGS

—Seniors.

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—Seven seniors.

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—Almost graduated.

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—The seniors lead.

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—They have right of way.

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—A class with a good record.

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—The colleges call for some.

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—And homes are awaiting others.

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—We have given them their final polish.

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—They are a finished product of the orphanage mill.

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—Only a final inspection and a farewell wish by the magnates and they are gone.

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Our parting wish to the seniors is a fond hope of success in this life and a home in that realm of bliss for ever more.

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—The Baccalaureate Sermon will be delivered next Sunday evening at 8 o'clock, and will be preached by Mr. Walker.

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—Rev. H. E. Gurney, of Monroe, will make the literary address next Monday evening at 8 o'clock This event will take place in the church.

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—Sunday School will be held in the dining room on Sunday morning beginning at 10:15 o'clock.

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—There will be no preaching service in Little Joe's Church on next Sunday afternoon, because of the Baccalaureate Sermon at night.

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—We are still having lots of strawberries, much to the delight of everyone. We also had that strawberry ice cream our mouths were watering for last week.

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—Miss Melissa Warlick, of Statesville, was a visitor in the Home last Sunday. She came down to attend the preaching service in the afternoon. Melissa is one of our former girls and we were all glad to see her.

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—Miss Ella M. Carver went to Charlotte on last Saturday morning to spend a week, and be present for the 20th of May celebration this week. During her absence Miss McEachin is acting as matron at Lees Cottage.

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—In the list of those who graduate from the State Normal and Industrial College at Greensboro this spring will be found the name of Miss Coline Austin, one of our old Barium girls, of whose record we are all proud She intends to begin teaching school in the fall, and, knowing Coline as we do, we are certain she will take high rank among the teachers of the State. She is the fifth young woman of our number who is to receive the diploma of the Normal Considering the fact that the standard at the Normal is so much higher than at other colleges, we consider the showing made by our girls, in determining to graduate, is a very good one indeed. Quite a number of our girls have taken training at the Normal for a few years, but only those with set determination and unfailing health and ability have been able to stay until they receive their diploma.

—The Superintendent's Cottage is being repainted at this time by our mechanical force.

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—Mrs. Lowrance spent a few days at the home of her parents in Mooresville this week, returning Tuesday night.

—A wagon load of our folk attended the exercises at Statesville College on Monday and Tuesday nights, and seem to have enjoyed the outing to the fullest extent.

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—Mr. Lowrance says he is churning from 10 to 15 pounds of butter a day, and this amount is increasing every day as the grass in the pasture grows.

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—Mr. Wilson went to Davidson Monday night to attend the commencement exercises at Davidson College He returned Tuesday and reports a good time.

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—The field day exercises by our boys will be held on next Monday morning between the hours of 7:30 and 11:30 o'clock. Our boys will engage in a number of contests for prizes. This feature will add much to the liveliness and enjoyment of the occasion.

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—It seems also dry at this time that very little can be done on the farm in the way of planting. Our farmers are getting behind with their farm work on this account. A little rain just now would be more welcome than the flowers of May.

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—Miss May Lowe, who graduated from this institution in the class of 1912, has accepted work in the Christian Orphanage at Mebane as dining room matron. They ought to be having something good to eat as May is a product of our kitchen training and knows how to cook.

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—Our boys and girls continue to recite the Shorter Catechism and the Introduction to the Shorter Catechism. Hardly a Sunday passes that some one does not receive a Bible or Testament. On last Sunday three of our larger girls received Bibles. Those who were awarded Bibles at Sunday School were Belle Williamson, Laura McConnell and Vear Clark.

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—The writer dropped in to spend a short time with the Round Knob boys the other night. He found that practically every room in the boys apartments had a kitten and some had two. The way these boys were nursing these kittens and looking after their wants would remind you of "sissies" rather than tough, rowdy boys, all of which is to the effect that a very tender heart is often found in boys who outwardly seem cruel and unmerciful.

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—Probably a dozen or more of the members of the faculty and children went to Statesville on Sunday morning to hear the Baccalaureate sermon by Rev. J. A. Garth before the graduating class of Statesville College, which was delivered at the First Presbyterian Church. All who attended from here were highly pleased with the sermon, and spoke many words in praise of Bro. Garth's ability as a preacher. He is pastor of the Presbyterian church in Hickory, a church whose members have the cause of the orphan in the reception room of their heart at all times, and not only the orphans but any worthy cause that calls for assistance.

Piano Recital

—The music pupils of Miss Elizabeth McGee gave a piano recital in the parlor at Synod's Cottage on last Thursday night, beginning at 8 o'clock. The music pupils have been making excellent progress under the direction of Miss McGee, and the manner in which they rendered their selections at the piano showed good training. All of the players did credit to themselves and their teacher, and the lovers of music pronounced it a real treat that was very much enjoyed by all present. Virginia Long and Jannie Gilland, the senior pupils in music, performed the best according to the critics, and therefore carried away the laurels. But those unskilled in music could hardly find fault with any of the selections.

PROGRAM

(Duet) Soldier's Grand March
Cora Harrison & Anne Hartsell.
Love in May ..... Oesten.
Marguerite Harrison.
Flying leaves ..... Koelling.
Thelma Piner.
Warum ..... Schumann.
Jannie Gilland.
Gavotte ..... Silas.
Katie Piner.

Expect Great Things

"Expect nothing and you will get nothing," writes a paragrapher. The hopeless attitude brings no returns. Those who engage in an enterprise with no faith in its successful outcome weaken instead of strengthen the cause. Those who offer prayers to which they really expect no answer have no promise which belongs to them. Neither heaven nor earth holds a reward for the unbelieving. It is not to them that all things are possible.—Ex.

(Duet) Poet and Peasant Suppe.
Jannie Gilland and Virginia Long.
Impromptu C# minor Reinhold.
Mary Kenna Walker.
Spanish Caprice .....
Irene Campbell.
(a) Songs of Rushes ..... Seeling.
(b) Minuet ..... Paderewski.
Virginia Long.
Hungarian Phapsody ..... Liszt.
Cora Harrison & Anne Hartsell.

—Owing to the fact that onr washer is broken, our laundry girls are doing the washing by hand this week. When it comes to a test they are equal to the occasion and demand.

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—Miss Edith Morton of Montreat, N. C., has accepted temporarily the position of matron at Howard Cottage, Miss Adams having been called away on account of sickness in her family. Miss Morton arrived Tuesday morning, and entered upon her duties at Howard Cottage. During the time Howard Cottage was without a matron one of our members of the tenth grade, Elnora Stanley, acted as matron.

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—Some of the members of the faculty and a number of our girls and boys went to Statesville Sunday evening to hear the sermon to the Y. W. C. A. of Statesville College which was preached by Rev. J. A. Garth, of Hickory, in the first Presbyterian church at 7:30 o'clock. A large audience heard this able discourse by a man who preaches the Word of God because he enjoys to do it more than anything else.

Our Lord was charged with receiving sinners and eating and drinking with them. He never denied the charge. The truth of the matter was that so far as we have any record, he never declined an invitation. It mattered not what was the character or life of the one inviting him.

He accepted the invitation, and used the opportunity for some of his finest lessons. Indeed, we have record of his actually inviting himself to at least one house. Zacchaeus would have hesitated to ask him, and so the Master asked himself. With what results all are familiar.—Presbyterian of the South.

ADDRESSES BY ABLE MEN AT THE Oxford Conference

THE UNPROMISING GIRL

By Rev. W. A. Wharton.

What is involved in this question? What do we mean by the unpromising girl? By way of definition she should not be considered a hopeless irredeemable creature. She is not totally depraved or bad. She is the girl with objectional eccentricities, with such conditions of body, mind or heart as creates anxiety for her welfare. She needs wise sympathetic counsel, and guardianship, for human nature without proper restraint, helpful associations and wholesome examples may hurry to waste and ruin, and even under the best environment may rebel and go astray.

The education, the training, the mental calibre and character of parents of the generations behind us, are responsible for much of the evil and unpromising prospects in the lives of those with whom we meet in this present time. The stream, as it were, has been largely corrupted at the fountain, and the inherent poison of sin runs along with the current of life. The contaminating influences of some associates upon the lives and characters of others, have led many to depart from the path of obedience and honor, in which they first begun to travel and which course they were instructed and exhorted to pursue. So we find among the young girls, whose lives have been made unpromising because of heritage environment or constant associations.

Let that be as it may, the unpromising girl is a reality, she is a reality. She is in evidence, more or less everywhere, and society will have to deal with her, until the trend of human nature is changed. She is found in the home with her parents and consequently she will be in evidence more or less in the schools of the country. Especially may we expect to find her in the institutions, which were created for the purpose of providing for and training children, and here more than elsewhere, for the reason that for a period of time prior to her entrance into such institutions, she was probably without proper counsel, restraint and control. Understanding then the situation as it confronts us, that the managements of orphan homes, have fallen heir to an element, among their inmates that is most difficult to handle successfully, it is not a surprise that every manager and earnest helper in our orphanages should like to know the way to deal with this element, in order to secure the best possible results with the material in hand.

What then will be done with it? There are various reasons as to why a girl may be unpromising and various types of the unpromising girl.

Physical Defects.

One may be afflicted with physical defects, she is lacking in physical force, vitality and endurance. The requirements made upon her and her associates may be easily met by her comrades, but they are heavy and laborious to her. In fact she is not able to meet her responsibilities nor to discharge her obligation in the premises. She cannot keep step with the more vigorous about her, in the battle and race of life, nor endure the hardships of the way. In consequence of her physical disabilities she becomes discouraged, loses heart and the stimulus necessary to the achievements she might otherwise record. Then may follow the loss of patience and the domination of a nervous, irritable temperament which may make life not only unhappy, but almost if not entirely, a burden, and bring into it a restlessness recklessness that has no promise for good. Defect of hearing, defect of sight, defect in articulation are handicaps to future

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HELPING THE ORPHANS

"Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, but shall not be heard." (Prov. 21:13.) Read that over again. It doesn't necessarily mean that the cry of the stingy man shall be heard in this life, but rather in the life to come. Yet it is often the case that the selfish man who is abundantly blessed with this world's goods, is stripped of it all by a just Providence before death and his cry for assistance goes up in a pitiful wail, but it is not heeded by his fellowmen because he was stingy when he had plenty.

Now to come right down to the point and hew to the line, one of the most effective ways of stopping one's ears to the cry of the poor is to order your copy of Our Fatherless Ones discontinued for the present. You not only shut off a channel through which the orphans are fed, but you absolutely refuse to be informed or interested in the needs of the orphans. To inform you of our needs and to increase your interest in the orphanage is the main reason Our Fatherless Ones is published. If you are not already a subscriber to this publication, or worse still if you have been and are now you are, in effect, stopping your ears to the cry of the poor, and "Whoso stoppeth his ears to the cry of the poor, he also shall cry himself, BUT SHALL NOT BE HEARD."

This scribe was not the author of those words. They are some of Solomon's words of wisdom, with the backing of God's approval.

Of course you are not bound to take this paper before you will do your duty by the orphans, but according to our way of thinking, this is the first step to take before you will have the proper amount of interest. You who are already subscribers try to induce some friend to invest his first contribution to this cause in the paper, and we will be willing to take our chances on getting further contributions.

We believe that we can truthfully state that practically all of the support and assistance of our children comes from friends who are regular readers of Our Fatherless Ones. There are plenty more in our Synod just as good as these and just as able financially, who would be just as liberal if only they could be interested in the work.

As it is there are only a very few of our subscribers who prefer to close their ears to the cry of the orphans rather than run chances of being persuaded to help the work, and there are a few who, for one cause or another, are forced to give up the paper against their will and who are still just as loyal to the cause at heart. To the latter class we are always thankful and appreciative, and would be glad to send the paper on as a reward for their faithful service in the past, but the post office regulations prohibit this practice.

We are considering a special low club rate that will enable every family in a church to take Our Fatherless Ones. We have enough confidence in the Presbyterians of North Carolina to assert that they are not going to be satisfied to allow their orphanage paper to drag along with 1700 subscribers while the Baptists of the State are backing theirs with 17,000.

That is not the Presbyterian way of doing things.

MAY 20TH IN CHARLOTTE.

The Mecklenburg Hornets met again in Charlotte this week and hurled defiance at King George, as of old, and denounced allegiance to the British crown, and declared themselves to be a free and independent people. No North Carolinian with patriotic blood flowing through his veins should be willing to question the courage and patriotism of the Mecklenburg Hornets in signing the already famous Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence. Its bound to be true as all the Charlotte citizens will tell you so, and they ought to know. Among the distinguished men who were there as speakers to join hands with the hornets in celebrating this memorable occassion were Vice President Thomas R. Marshall, Secretary of the Navy, Josephus Daniels and Governor Locke Craig. May the 20th is to be North Carolina Day at the big exposition to be held at San Francisco next year; this was made possible only because our Charlotte friends declared for independence. This paper hasn't any doubt as to the originality of Mecklenburg Declaration of Independence as we are aware of the fact that our Charlotte friends believe in doing things. When it comes to declaring for independence their courage is not lacking, or when the cry of the orphan reaches their ears they willingly respond. What more can we say in praise of their courage, patriotism and love in guarding their own rights and the rights of these little ones who have no one to care for them.

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

We have received the handsome book gotten out by the Executive Committee of Christian Education and Ministerial relief of the Presbyterian church of the United States, entitled "Our Presbyterian Educational Institutions." This publication is is dedicated to Rev. James B. Shearer, A. M., D. D., L. L. D., of Davidson College and one of the pioneer leaders in education in the Southern Presbyterian church. This book covers all the edcational institutions in the South, and the showing made by all these institutions is very gratifying to all Presbyterians. Practically every educational institution is calling for assistance in one way or another. The Presbyterian orphanages in the South receive attention in this publication, and the illustrations of these buildings, grounds, children and superindentents, make a very creditable showing. It is unnecessary to say that the needs of the orphanages are the same as all the other institutions, more money is the leading feature from cover to cover—and we hope many of the Lord's fortunate stewards will see the publication and respond liberally with their substance, lest the Lord take note of their unfaithfulness and take away the stewardship.

This Peculiar World.

This is a peculiar world. One is struggling for justice and another is fleeing from it. One man is saving to build a house, another is trying to sell his for less than cost to get rid of it. One man is spending all the money he can make in taking a girl to the theatre and sending her flowers with the hope of making her his wife, while his neighbor is spending what gold he possesses in getting a divorce. One man escapes all diseases that flesh is heir to and gets killed on the railroad. Another escapes with a scratch and dies with the whooping cough. One man stands off his creditors and goes travelling, while another pays his debts and stays at home,— Exchange.

A Damaging Admission By Liquor Dealers.

When the prohibition amendment to the national constitution proposed by Congressman R. P. Hobson, was under consideration by the House Senate committees in Washington a few days ago, William H. Anderson, State Superintendent of the Anti-Saloon League, of New York, produced a copy of a letter alleged to have been sent out by the Distiller's Distributing Company, of Kansas City, Missouri, recently, which contained one of the most damaging admissions ever made by liquor dealers.

This letter was written by a company that describes itself by the alliterative designation "Distributors Direct From Distillery"—in other words, a mail order whiskey house. It was addressed to a Keeley Institute, whose business it is to cure drunkards of the liquor habit. The letter opens with this statement: "Our customers are your prospective patients. We can put on your desk a mailing list of over 50,000 individual consumers of liquor. This list is the result of thousands of dollars of advertising. Each individual on the list is a regular user of liquor. The list of names is now live and active. We know because we have circularized it regularly." Then follows a statement of the price at which the list of names could be purchased, as the company was going out of business.

The same letter was sent to another institute for the cure of the liquor habit in Chicago. In reply to an inquiry as to whether the institute buying the list would have the exclusive use of the list, a letter was received stating that a charge of ten cents per name would be made for the exclusive use of the list. Extracts from both letters were published in the "Chicago Tribune," of April 16 and 17 respectively.

And now comes the most damaging admission of all. Not only did this company declare that its customers are the prospective patients of institutes for the cure of the liquor habit, but it declared with startling frankness the awful slavery of the habit in the following [illegible] can make our list exceptionally productive to you. Each man on it has been a regular buyer of liquor by mail and a constant user of it, and there is not a single one who would not like to quit the habit. Each man is keenly alive to the injury of his practice, and he is only awaiting some way of stopping. If you can convince him of the permanent efficacy of your treatment he is your patient, and you know how to convince him."

When this admission is coupled with the astounding acknowledgments published in these columns a few weeks ago under the heading, "The Handwriting on the Wall," it will be seen that the business of dispensing liquor for use as a beverage is one of the greatest menaces of our country's welfare, and one of the most insidious dangers that infests the individual's pathway. How long will our people continue to legalize this business and permit the destruction of body and soul for the personal gain of individuals? Christian Observer.

Our Great Assembly.

Our Assembly meets out in Kansas City in Dr. Nesbit's Church the last week in May. It is a long jump from Atlanta, but our Church covers a large amount of territory, and Kansas City is well within our bounds. Winston-Salem, N. C., is trying hard to get the Assembly for next year. This present Assembly will be know as the Educational Assembly. It seems that emphasis is going to be laid upon Educational institutions and methods that are within our bounds. Just at this time, the Executive Committee of Christian Education is having a large book on our institutions published. The Thornwell Orphanage will send its contribution to the exhibit. One of the matters that will engross the attention of the Assembly, possibly the biggest matter before it, will be proposed union with the United Presbyterian Church. This scribe is heart and soul in for it. The old war days are over. We hope that they will not even be breathed at the Assembly.—Thornwell Messenger.

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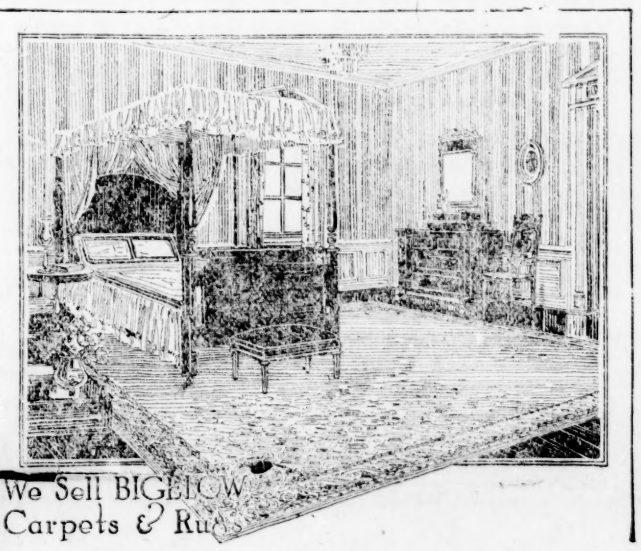

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promise, to say the least of them. The disabilities, however, that evidence constitutional weakness, ill health, limited vitality and powers of endurance may be more hurtful to the young life than the organic defects mentioned above. Charge them to whatever source we may, say what we can in excuse for their existence, still the young life afflicted with them, does not promise so well, as the one, strong and healthy, where exists a strong mind in a strong body.

Mental Defects

The unpromising girl may be so because of mental defects. She is not vicious, she is not a mental imbecile, she is not a hopeless subject, but she is really suffering from a mental handicap. She is defective. Her mind is not so active, strong or retentive as are those of her classmates in school or her associates in domestic work of the Home. It is hard to grade out in her school work. The fact is she may have to take the grade over again. She is slow in acquiring proficiency in the domestic department, but she does improv year after year, that is evident to every one who knows her. You can see improvement in her manners, you can read it in her face, you can observe it in her life and deportment generaly, yet she is what may be called an unpromising girl.

What is the remedy in the case of the girl with physical disabilities or mental defects. These ailments may be constitutional and therefore inherited, and the girl with these weaknesses is so much more liable to become the victim of those who attempt to lead her to the way of evil. The physical defects should be treated by a competent physician, and as much done for the complete restoration of the patient to a norman condition as possible, and she should be encouraged and stimulated to be faithful and worthy while no more should be required of her than she could reasonably perform. In the case of the girl with mental defects, she should be dealt with in a very patient way, handled tenderly and required to do more of mental work than her mind could grasp She should be guarded closely, carefully trained, kept under moral and religious tuition and constantly under good, religious influences, and the growth and development may be gratifying.

Let us speak out of experience, a little, just here More than two and one half years ago a girl came to our orphanage home from a country with some physical disability and some mental defect. The case was discouraging to us, for her conditions were such, as to make her to our mind an unpromising girl. She has been under careful and watchful supervision, she has had the advantages of the school and of being in close touch with the teacher and constantly under religious tuition aad influence, and the improvement in her case, both physical and mental, has been next to marvelous. If the improvement continues, as heretofore, perhaps by the time she receives what the orphanage has in store for her, she may be at leaot catalogued among the hopefuls of the institution. In the event that a girl is laboring under mental defects, and it is evident that she cannot make higher grades in school, we suggest that she be allowed to employ all of her time in learning in the domestic and industrial departments, and becoming familiar with, and proficient in these places. While she may practically reach her limit in the educational line in the lower grades, she can learn how to be proficient and successful in domestic and industrial work.

Moral Defects.

There is another reason why a girl may be unpromising, and that is because she is morally defective. This may come from heredity or by environment, but it is painfully true nevertheless. It is a serious condition when physical and mental defects make the life of a girl unpromising, but when it is rendered so by moral defects, the condition is more alarming. The body is well and strong, the mind is healthy and vigorous, but the moral character is weak and diseased. The foundation for right thinking, right living and consecrated service to both God and Man, may be found in the heart, in the moral character of the individual. If this is diseased and corrupted, abnormally, we may not conceive of the ultimate consequences. If the fountain is corrupt the stream that flows from it will also be corrupt.

These moral defects existing and growing in the life and character of any girl may manifest themselves in passionate and uncontrolling tempers, in hot, hasty, and bitter words, in statements that are false and acts that are deceptive, and in a tendency toward vice that is, if possible, more deplorable. The girl that gives expression to her moral character in any of the above ways is an unpromising girl.

The question is what shall be done with her? We said in the outset that she should not be considered totally depraved or bad, but she has eccentricities and traits of character that are seriously objectionable. What shall be done with her? The problem is the eradication of the objectionable traits of character and the development of the desirable ones.

Desirable ones did you say, yes that is the remark. There are some innate redeeming qualities that are desirable, though they may be hidden far from the surface. Some nuggets of precious gold, kept out of sight and wrapped up in clods of ugly clay. To find them may require deep digging, careful mining and search that is far-reaching, but if the right probe is used, and the right key is found the secret box of the precious jewels may be opened

Three things will be necessary to develop the good in the unpromising girl. The first thing is obedience. She should be taught to submit uncomplainingly and unhesitatingly to the rightful authority. In doing this she would not be carrying out the dictates of her own will, nor be acting under the direction of her own immature judgment. Supposing, as should always be the case, the girl's leader of thought and director of activities is a godly person, then the counsel should be good and safe. Thinking and acting under godly influences and counsel, will have a tendency to restrain the natural outcome of moral defects, and appeal to the best elements of the girl's nature and character. Let those in authority over her be patient with her, be just towards her, and give her a square deal. Deliver us from helpers, who are impatient, irritable and critical with the child, whose very nature recoils in the presence of such a spirit. Let obedience be required, however, by those in authority and let the will of the girl be lost as nearly as possible in their wills.

The second thing needful to develop and cultivate the good in the unpromising girl is encouragement. Authority, and power, may restrain, may hold in check, her tendencies, to evil, but they do not give birth to, nor stimulate the purpose and desire for higher and better things, like a word of commendation, and expression of confidence and the assurance that good things are expected of her.

We have in mind as an illustration an inmate of our institution who was self willed and rather aggressively bad. A teacher whose purpose was to help somebody, became interested in this child, gave special encouragement and evidence of deep personal interest in him. The tide began to turn, good purposes were born and cultivated, until now that boy has become so changed in character and life, until he has the commendation of a comrade to the extent of saying, "You can scarcely get Jack to do anything wrong any more." Although this illustration is from the life of a boy; it is evidence of the effect of encouragement on human nature.

The third thing to develop and cultivate the good in the unpromising girl, is human sympathy. To exact and receive obedience is good, to offer the glad hand and to speak the kind word that stirs and encourages the heart and life is helpful, but to extend real, sincere genuine sympathy, strikes a cord that seems to awaken and to quicken the best qualities of human nature.

There is perhaps no experience that ever comes to an individual in this life, that is comparable to that a person has, when he feels that "nobody cares for me."

The thought, the assurance that comes to one, who has failed, and who is cast down and discouraged, that his friends are still interested in and sympathize with him, is often such a stimulour and such an incentive, that it will cause him to make another strenous effort to succeed, and to even ask for another chance to make good. In the effort to reform, to redeem one's self as it were, human sympathy so strengthens the will and intensifies the purpose as to make success far more sure.

If the unpromising girl has such helps as we have mentioned for her petterment and uplift and does not improve, her case may be regarded as a difficult problem to solve. And it would seem best to be separated from the orphanage family, and reared where her influence would be less liable to work evil.

Training In Courtesy.

Many boys feel that to take off their hats to their sisters' girl friends, or give up their seats in a street car to women or old men, they have exhausted the possibilities of courtesy; perhaps because they are in the habit of performing these acts they are pointed out to other boys as "little gentlemen"—a designation that no true boy ever coveted. Indeed, many boys, perhaps because of such misguided efforts to rouse their emulation, regard the display of courtesy and politeness as characteristic of "sissies" and "mollycoddles."

Often because the idea of being "a little gentlemen" is repugnant to a boy, he grows up without acquiring pleasant manners or the thoughtful and unselfish habit of mind that seems, even in the midst of personal concerns, to have an eye out for the next person. And when he sees how advantageous in purely material respects this attitude usually is, he wishes he had cultivated it, he tries to cultivate it, Perhaps indeed he admires and covets it on higher grounds.

Usually the failure of a boy to acquire habits of courtesy and thoughtfulness is less his own fault than that of his family. If a boy's home is one in which there is no bickering,—where good temper and kindliness and the desire to be as pleasant to one another as to the most welcame guest, always prevail,—the boy's manners are pretty sure to be gentle, and his manliness does not suffer. Unfortunately, in many families, even in those that are affectionate, bickering is habitual, and no one considers it worth his while to exert himself daily for the amusement or pleasure of any one else. Such lessons as the boy gets in courtesy are necessarily formal, and he is naturally self-conscious and awkward in practicing them.

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Burgess Gaither's Prayer.

Addressing the Daughters of the Revolution in Washington last week, Mr. Whitehead Kluttz told the story of the old preacher in the North Carolina mountains during the former Mexican War. This preacher, the story goes, thus addressed the Throne of Grace:

"Oh! Lord, we pray the to be with our boys a-fightin' on foreign soil to-day, in this war which the Hon. Burgess Gaither says is an onjust war. But we will not stop to argue that question with thee, now, Oh Lord, but simply refer thee to the president's message and accompanyin' documents."

It is inferred from this that the Hon. Burgess Gaither, who was a native of Iredell and for many years a prominent citizen of Burke, was "agin" the Mexican War. They used to tell, also, of Uncle Jesse Rankin, of blessed memory, who during the Civil War was wont to pray long and earnestly for the Confederate soldiers, closing with this reference to the other side: "O Lord, for our enemies we ask nothing, we leave them to thy righteous judgment."—Statesville Landmark.

Circumstantial Evidence.

The conversation at a recent tea took a turn to courts and kindred topics, when Miss Katherine Gray, the theatrical star, told of Uncle Rastus' interpretation of circumstantial evidence.

Uncle Rastus, it seems, was arrested on a charge of rally around a chicken coop, and on being found guilty by the jury, was given a short term in jail.

One day a sympathetic friend called to see Rastus and questioned him on how his presen' unfortunate condition came to pass.

"Dey jes done sent me ter jail when dey hadn't no right ter," eloquently answered Rastus. "Dat's what my lawyer tole 'em. I wah convicted on circumstantial evidence."

"Dat doan sound good to me, Rastus," dubiously remarked the friend, shaking his head. "What am circumstantial ebidence?"

"From de way dat I under it," explained Rastus, "circumstantial ebidence am de feathers dat yo' leave around when yo' hab got done wid de chicken."—Ex.

A Strong Mans Job

Some time ago a colored man applied for work at the building operation and was taken on. The first duty assigned him in carrying planks from one corner to another. The planks weighed a whole lot more than a heavy conscience, and as the colored man wearily trudged along he became exceedingly thoughtful.

"Look yeah, boss," he remarked, finally, going over to the foreman, "did I tell yo' what mah name was when I started to work?"

"Why, yes," answered the foreman, wonderingly. "You said it was Thompson."

"Dat's jes' what I did boss. Dat's jes' what I did!" was the smiling rejoinder of the colored party. "But I was afraid dat yo' done made a mistake an' fink it was Sampson.

Uncle Walt on the Early Fly.

The early fly's the one to swat. It comes before the weather's hot, and sits around and files its legs, and lays at least ten million eggs will bring a fly to drive us crazy by and by. Oh, every fly that skips our swatters will have five millions sons and daughters, countless first and second cousins and aunts and uncles, scores of dozens, and fifty-seven billion nieces; so knock the blamed thing all to pieces. And every niece and every aunt—unless we swat them so they can't— will lay enough dodgasted eggs to fill up ten five- gallon kegs; and all these eggs, ere summer hies, will bring forth twenty trillion flies. And thus it goes, on endless chain, so all our swatting is in vain unless we do our swatting soon, in Maytime and in early June, so, men and brothers, let us rise, gird up our loins and swat the flies! And sisters, leave your cozy bowers where you have ardor in your souls and eyes, roll up your sleeves and swat the flies!--Walt Mason.

A Concert For the Fatherless

Night was coming on [illegible] and dreary. A wild w[illegible] the north was sweeping over the prairies of Western Kansas. The air was thick with frozen particles of ice and snow that rattled against the windows of an eastbound train. The car was poorly lighted, and a spirit of discontent seemed to have fallen over the travelers. Above the roar of the wind and the noise of the train came the shrill cry of a baby

A delicate little woman, thinly clad and evidently in the last stage of consumption, vainly tried to hush the little one. Black looks were exchanged and scowling faces were turned toward the noisy child. One man in an audible voice remarked, "Better put brats in the baggage car with the dogs and guns." The weary mother grew more nervous and the child screamed louder than before. A woman sitting near offered to help, and soon found that the family and four little children were suffering from hunger. They had been two days on the train, coming from Western Colorado; their lunch box was emtied, and they were without dinner or supper. The father had recently died, and the brave mother was trying to reach her childhood's home with her little ones before the grim summons came to "pass over the divide." The oldest child, a girl of eight years, was trying to amuse the two boys, younger than herself. The story of the hungry little ones spread from group to group, and lunch boxes were freely offered and the little ones bountifully fed.

A white-haired, stately old gentleman left his seat and with a pleasant smile and courtly bow to the tired mother, said: "I was quite a nurse in my younger days; let me take that child," and the baby read his face as only babies can, and was satisfied. Reaching out its hands, it was soon cuddling its head upon the old man's breast. The tired eyes began to droop as its nurse slowly paced up and down the aisle humming a cradle song.

At a distant end of the crowded car were the members of the Denver Concert Company. All were tired and sleepy; some were cross, and some complained of the cold car and the smoke from the soft coal.

But the baby face touched a tender chord as the old man paused beside them and told the sad story of sickness and poverty. A new interest was aroused, and, after a few moments' consultation the manager announced that "the company would give a concert for the benefit of the widowed and fatherless."

How they sang! Every corner of the car was filled with the sweet melody. Now soft and low, then higher, sweeter, clearer. Our hearts were lifted. We forgot the cold and the bitter wind outside as the sweet strains of "Annie Laurie," "We'd Better Bide a Wee," and "The Old Folks at Home" rolled through the car. Song after song they gave us, and then came the grand old hymns that hold the key to every heart. As the last word of "Rock of Ages" softly died away the old man with the sleeping baby in his arms passed his hat and every one responded to that call for help. Hard faces grew soft, and eyes were dim. Silver chinked against silver, and not a few bank notes drifted silently among the coins. With tears streaming down her face and voice choked with sobs, the mother tried to express her gratitude.

The old man placed the sleeping babe beside its weeping mother, and, walking to the center of the car, raised his hand and reverently said: Praise God, from whom all blessing flow."—Michigan Christian Advocate.

One Veiw of The Doctors Job

"So," said the visitor, "you intend to become a physician when you grow up?"

"Yes sir," said the youth.

"And why have you decided upon the medical profession?"

"Well, a docter seems to be the only man that keeps on getting paid whether his work is satisfactory or not."—Ex.

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The flowers slept on, whose lives we counted lost.
But, by and by, when March came o'er the hills,
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And warm, sweet winds blew up and down the land,
The flowers we missed sprang up on every hand,
And we saw God, in glad, awed wondering,
Repeat his earth-old mystery of spring.

Then faith took wing, and, larklike, soared and sang;
All through the gates of heaven the glad song rang,
There is no death! What seemed so is sleep.
The grave is like a cradle, warm and deep,
In which earth's weary children rest and dream
A little while, then cometh the morning's beam,
And they awake, as do the flowers in spring,
To new, sweet life and fuller blossoming.

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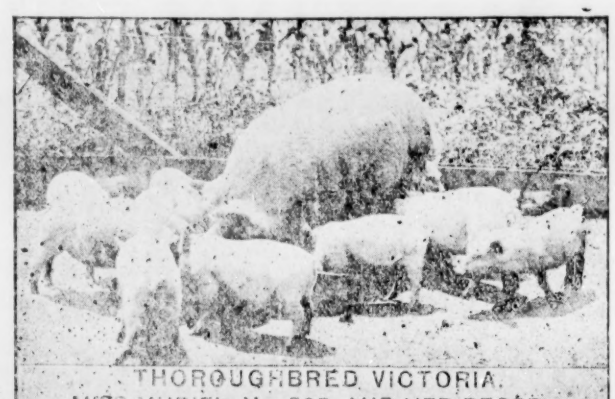

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